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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend William A. Watson, Jr., Pastor, St. John's Baptist Church, Westbury, New York, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the Earth. I thank You for this privilege to pray. Thank You for this occasion that brought us together. Thank You for all of Your loving kindness and tender mercy toward us. I ask Your favor in all our decisions.

Please, Lord, be with us as we make decisions for our future. Grant us clear minds as we serve Your people to the best of our abilities.

Thank You for all these favors, and we will be mindful that all glory and honor belong to You. This is Your servant's prayer. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MCCARTHY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND WILLIAM A. WATSON, JR.

(Mrs. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my friend, the Reverend William A. Watson of St. John's Baptist Church in Westbury, New York, for offering the opening prayer before the House this morning.

He is someone who is truly worthy of this honor. Reverend Watson is also the head of the Eastern Baptist Association. He is not only a leader in his congregation but an asset to all of Long Island and the entire New York region.

Whether it is keeping young people from joining gangs, helping people gain job skills or improving access to health care, Reverend Watson is a tireless advocate for those in need. Mr. Speaker, I salute Reverend Watson for his great work.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain five 1-minute speeches on each side.

"HEIGH-HO SILVER"—AND THE BORDER

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, Congress is back in session, and our first major piece of legislation, to protect horses. You see, three or four places in America buy old horses and sell the meat to the French, for goodness sake, so we are going to protect American horses.

So we are going to protect American horses, the likes of Silver, Trigger and Buttercup, from the carnivorous French. This horse security bill will even provide a sanctuary or rest home for those old horses. Well, this Congress needs to be as concerned about border security as we are about horse security.

We need a border security bill with no add-ons that even the Senate will approve. Deal with border security before we talk about the contentious issues of immigration and illegals in this country. Why are we putting horse security at the forefront and not border security?

The American public expects and deserves better. Protecting America's borders should be our first priority. That needs to be our first duty. Stop the invasion at the border, then we can worry about the Europeans eating our horses, otherwise our country will ride off like the Lone Ranger and a "Heigh-Ho Silver" into the sunset of history.

And that's just the way it is.

FIVE YEARS LATE

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, after 5 years the President who ignored the memo that bin Laden wanted to attack the United States is belatedly taking steps to bring to trial suspected terrorists. Why the sudden change of heart? Well, the public is fed up with the bungling, the secret prisons and torture. The Supreme Court has ruled that the administration's approach was unconstitutional. All of this has created a political tide that has forced the President's hand.

But now is the time for the Congress, which has been asleep at the switch allowing the administration's despicable excesses, to do its job. Instead of rubber stamping the administration's flawed and belated proposal, Congress should do what it should have done in the first place: Ensure that justice is done, the enemies of the United States are punished, and America's tarnished image of justice is restored.

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